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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003, please amend the claims as shown on the attached Version With Markings to Show Changes Made and Replacement Sheet.

Claim 1 is amended.

Please cancel claim 2.

Claims 3-8 remain unchanged.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 17, 2003 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yabu, Shuichi, JP 405067551A. The Examiner states that Yabu discloses an aligner comprising all of the structural elements of claims 1 and 2.

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